

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, October 20, 2008 at 4:30pm at Riverside Skating Center.

Present at said meeting were Mike Dana, Paula Woods, Karen Springer, Mary Nauman, and Attorney John Sorensen. Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Sue Mattern, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council member Ann Hunt was also present. Absent were Park Board member Garnet Peck, Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen, along with departmental staff Joe Payne and Lee Booth.

Mike convened the Board at 4:35pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2008 meeting. Paula motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Pennie reported in Joe's absence:

- Noted Joe's report was sent out ahead of his vacation and the meeting.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Chris and I attended the NRPA Congress in Baltimore last week, and are very thankful for the opportunity to be able to attend. We were able to attend several good educational sessions, which contributes towards maintaining our professional certification. Robert Kennedy Jr. delivered the opening address and spoke on the environment. The conference for next year will be in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- The senior softball players have stopped playing for the season. They will continue playing next spring once the weather breaks.
- The department is having an employee appreciation lunch this Friday.
- I will be attending the Redevelopment Commission meeting tomorrow in Joe's absence.

Parks – Pennie reported in Lee's absence:

- Inspection reports available.
- The pool has been winterized.
- The Lilly Nature Center exterior has been painted.
- Work has begun on repairing the storm drains on the Happy Hollow School property.
- The gravel base for the new front parking lot at Happy Hollow Park will be in place this week.
- Preparation of winter equipment is underway.

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- There is one more week of Volleyball for grades 4, 5, & 6.
- We will be offering basketball for second and third graders soon.
- Sue is busy hiring rink staff. We will begin skate sharpening tomorrow.
- We have started the process of online registration. The City is focused on making services available online.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- On September 17, West Lafayette Parks & Recreation occupied a vendor space at the West Lafayette Farmers Market. Deb Remsburg brought some of her gourds that she had carved. Susanne McConville came and gave Gentle Yoga demonstrations. Kat Lebo, along with one of her students, gave belly dance demonstrations. Paula Woods was very gracious to donate some time to help at the Parks booth that day.
- Art on the Wabash was postponed to September 21 due to bad weather on September 14. Two-thousand, six-hundred, twenty-two people attended the event. In general, the thirty-plus vendors that attended seemed to be pleased with their sales.
- I attended the Bravo Breakfast on October 17 at University Plaza Hotel. Larry Oates was presented a small business award for supporting the arts, citing his sponsorship of Art on the Wabash.
- There was an art show opening and reception for students of Bette Goodrich on Thursday evening, October 16. The exhibit will continue to be on display until November 6.
- Just Walk, a free walk sponsored by The Coalition for Living Well after 50, was held Saturday, October 18. Approximately eighty people attended the event. Mayor John Dennis was there and read a proclamation, along with Cindy Murray from the City of Lafayette.
- A Purdue student is working on an eight-minute informational and promotional film on Morton Community Center for a class project. Depending on the quality of the final film, Morton may approach Comcast to see if they will run the film as a public service announcement on one of their public access channels.
- The Tippecanoe County Health Department is offering a flu clinic at Morton on Monday, November 24, 9:00a-Noon. The flu shots are \$15, or free, if someone has Medicare-Part B coverage.

Old Business

n/a

New Business

n/a

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported on the following:

- The 2007 Four Star School Awards from the State of Indiana went to Happy Hollow Elementary and West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School. Designation as a Four Star School means that a school must be accredited, meet adequate yearly progress for 2007 & perform in the top twenty-five percent of all schools in the state in each of the following areas: Student Attendance rates, Mathematics proficiency scores, English/Language Arts proficiency scores, and the percent of students passing both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Cumberland Elementary just barely missed the award because of attendance rates.
- Demolition of Burtfield (except the new gym) will take place this fall starting mid-November to early December. There are no immediate plans for the site. Many ideas are being generated, but if any building would occur, an impact study and community involvement would occur first.

- The Second Annual Dinner & Fundraiser for the West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation will be Saturday, November 8 at the University Plaza. Please R.S.V.P. by this coming Friday. If anyone is interested in attending, I can get you information.

Wabash River

Mike noted there is continuing work on the Master Plan, along with meetings, but he has not participated lately.

Paula noted the Wabash River Parkway Commission is no longer as a commission. It is now a committee under the umbrella of the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation. The group will continue to meet, and will be responsible for education, awareness, and conservation ideas. There has been talk, and they would very much like to establish some type of tour on the river again. There used to be river tours provided by John Galloway, but he is no longer doing it. Various people have expressed an interest in being able to tour the river, so the group hopes to establish those again.

Other

Resolution BPR 2-08

Pennie requested approval of Resolution BPR 2-08, which requests the moving of funds to cover anticipated expenditures through the end of the year. Karen motioned approval of Resolution BPR 2-08 as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pennie reminded everyone about the Parks & Recreation Foundation meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 4:00pm, at Lilly Nature Center.

Morton – Pottery Room Flooring Quotes

Brenda presented information regarding the necessary replacement of flooring in the Morton Pottery room, room 201. A Request for Quotes was sent out and we received the following quotes:

Carpetland USA -	\$6,219.20
Miller Flooring -	\$7,225.00
Clines Carpets & Blinds -	\$7,577.73(incl. tax), \$7,314.88(excl. tax)

Paula motioned to allow the staff to proceed appropriately with the selection of the lowest responsive and responsible quote received. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

America in Bloom

Discussion took place regarding the City of West Lafayette's win of the 2008 American in Bloom award. Mike recommended a resolution be presented commending recognition for everyone's involvement in the success of achieving the winning status of the 2008 America in Bloom award.

Pennie thanked Sue for her hospitality with hosting the Park Board meeting today at Riverside Skating Center.

Pay Claims

Mary motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary